Treatment of diabetes

1381. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one community in Rajasthan has the answer to diabetes;

(b) if so, whether any study is proposed to be conducted to find out the exact cause thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) it has been demonstrated that in type 1 diabetic patients, moderate intake of camel milk improved the glycemic status and reduced the insulin requirement. Raica community resides in North West Rajasthan and the striking feature of this community, in comparison to others, is their consumption of camel milk. ICMR has proposed to initiate two studies on the anti-diabetic properties on camel milk. These studies are entitled "Hypoglycemic/Insulin like activity in camel milk: quantification of the effect in animal models of diabetes/Insulin resistance" and "Effective of Camel Milk on Glucose Metabolism in Adults with Normal Glucose Tolerance and Type 2 Diabetes in Raica Community: a cross over study". The studies have not yet been started and are planned to begin in 2005 and likely to be completed in 2 years time after commencement of the study.

Female condoms

1382. SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to introduce female condoms for birth control and for preventing AIDS in India; and

(b) if so, when Government propose to supply the female condoms in view of the ever-growing population in the country?